SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: I repeat my question. Does the Government propose to issue guidelines for the companies emerging in the field of telecommunication?

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, already, provisions are there. I think, there is no need of any other guidelines.

SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Any further guidelines?

SHRI A. RAJA: Adequate guidelines and provisions are available with regard to USO Fund. I do not think it is necessary.

श्री रूद्रनारायण पाणि: धन्यवाद सभापति महोदय। मंत्री महोदय बहुत होशियार और नौजवान हैं। मेरा सवाल मूल सवाल से अलग है, कृपा करके ऐसा नहीं कहेंगे, क्योंकि यह गरीबों का सवाल है। महोदय, कायदे से लाखों-करोड़ों रुपया इधर-उधर होता है — डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ टेलिकॉम कहिए या दूसरे डिपार्टमेंट में भी। जब डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ टेलिकॉम था, उसमें हजारों की संख्या में केजुअल मजदूर काम करते थे। आज के जमाने में आउटसोर्सिंग के नाम से आप गरीबों को आउटविट कर रहे हैं। एक समय डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ टेलीकॉम में केजुअल मजदूर कहा जाता था, आजकल कांट्रैक्ट लेबर कहते हैं। आपके माध्यम से मेरा सीधा सवाल यह है कि देश में जो हजारों केजुअल मजदूर काम करते थे, उनके नियमतिकरण के लिए उनके मंत्राालय ने क्या किया है और अब जो कांट्रैक्ट लेबर हैं, उनकी हालत सुधारने के लिए मंत्रालय क्या करता है?

SHRI A. RAJA: This question relates to USO Fund. If there is any specific grievance with regard to employees, let me know. Then, I will reply to the hon. Member....*(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Only one question, please.

*106. [The questioner (SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAM) was absent. For answer *vide* page 19 *infra*.]

JNNURM funds for AP

*107. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had allocated sufficient funds to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the current year for the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the projects undertaken for this purpose during the last three years, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the amount allocated and spent under this mission in each State during the current year and the progress achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) and (b) An indicative allocation of Rs. 18903.00 lakh has been made for the current year 2007-08 for State of Andhra Pradesh under Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component of JNNURM. As regards Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) another component of JNNURM an amount of Rs. 5393.00 lakh has been provided for 2007-08.

(c) and (d) The State-wise details of projects including Andhra Pradesh, sanctioned under UIG component of JNNURM duing 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are at Annexure [*See* Appendix 212 Annexure No. 2]. So far 33 projects at an approved cost of Rs. 225391.51 lakh has been approved and Rs. 22915.16 lakh has been released out of committed Additional Central Assistance (ACA) of Rs. 98707.58 lakh for Andhra Pradesh. Details are at Annexure [*See* Appendix 212 Annexure No. 2]. State-wise details of number of projects sanctioned and funds released under UIDSSMT during last three years (upto 31.10.2007) are given at Annexure [*See* Appendix 212 Annexure No. 2]. Details of the projects sanctioned during last three years under UIDSSMT in respect of Andhra Pradesh are given at Annexure [*See* Appendix 212 Annexure No. 2].

A State-wise indicative allocation of funds under the UIG component of JNNURM has been made. Funds are released to the States/cities for various projects submitted by them. The amount allocated and released to each State during the current year under (UIG) is given in Statement.

Statement

Indicative Allocation of Funds to States/UTs under Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) Component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission for the year 2007-2008 *and the release of funds*

(Rs. in crore)

Sl.No.	States/UTs	Indicative allocation	Funds released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	189.03	137.31
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.81	20.06
3.	Assam	19.05	7.91
4.	Bihar	48.66	4.61
5.	Chhattisgarh	16.28	127.28
6.	Goa	2.30	
7.	Gujarat	228.67	89.58
8.	Haryana	24.57	13.39
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3.37	
10.	J and K	37.22	35.39
11.	Jharkhand	70.53	
12.	Karnataka	151.21	46.91
13.	Kerala	52.22	
14.	Madhya Pradesh	107.63	7.68
15.	Maharashtra	556.11	301.67
16.	Manipur	5.82	
17.	Meghalaya	6.23	

Sl.No.	States/UTs	Indicative allocation	Funds released
18.	Mizoram	5.30	
19.	Nagaland	1.79	
20.	Orissa	18.96	51.58
21.	Punjab	55.85	18.68
22.	Rajasthan	65.86	69.49
23.	Sikkim	0.67	
24.	Tamil Nadu	214.57	119.42
25.	Tripura	4.42	
26.	Uttar Pradesh	233.14	105.64
27.	Uttarakhand	22.59	
28.	West Bengal	332.02	7.93
29.	Delhi	299.55	
30.	Puducherry	11.75	
31.	Chandigarh	18.80	
	TOTAL:	2805.00	1061.45

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister, since there is lot of migration to the towns, people are migrating in large numbers to the towns, population in urban areas is increasing drastically year after year. So, it is very difficult for local bodies, town committees to provide water, sanitation, housing, power, for that. I would like to know whether any study has been conducted regarding migration from rural areas to urban areas, necessities in urban areas, and fund position with the local bodies. Is there any proposal with the Government of India for extending financial support to the local bodies for acquiring land to provide house sites to the poor people who cannot afford to purchase a house site in the urban area?

SHRI AJAY MAKEN: The question is specifically on JNNURM funds for Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: My question was whether sufficient funds are provided to the State of Andhra Pradesh for providing amenities for the people in urban areas. I think, it is part of my question.

SHRI AJAY MAKEN: I would like to tell the hon. Member that the whole concept of Urban Renewal Mission is to provide the urban local bodies with sufficient funds and simultaneously, to carry out reforms in urban local bodies so that they are financially strong enough and viable enough to sustain with the funds which we are providing, so that all the projects become sustainable.

As far as the water supply and other important things, as raised by the hon. Member, are concerned, I would like to tell that water supply, sanitation and sewage, these are all areas where

we are giving prime importance. He would be glad to know that under UIDSSMT, 60 per cent of the total money is given for the water supply, and 17 per cent for the sewage. So, water supply and sewage are being given adequate importance. As far as Andhra Pradesh is concerned, I would like to tell that in the last two years alone, under UIDSSMT, we have been able to give Rs. 235.46 crores, and under UIG, we have been able to give Rs. 137.31 crores on all such projects.

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, my question was regarding migration from the rural areas to the urban areas. Is there any study done in that regard? While coming to my second supplementary question, I leave it to the hon. Minister if he chooses to answer my first question, I will be happy; otherwise, I won't mind. Sir, as far as second part of my question is concerned, I have the details of the schemes sanctioned for my own State, Andhra Pradesh, and I would like to know from the hon. Minister about the proposals sent by the Government of Andhra Pradesh with regard to Urban infrastructure and Governance (UIG) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT). I would like to know how many projects are sanctioned and how many are pending. Is there any time-frame for that?

SHRI AJAY MAKEN: Sir, I would like to tell the hon. Member that as far as Urban Infrastructure and Governance is concerned, in total, 33 projects have been approved. As far as projects under appraisal are concerned, only two projects are pending with the Central Government for appraisal. As far as projects returned to the State of Andhra Pradesh for modification are concerned, in total 38 projects have been send back to them for modification because different objections have been raised by the appraisal agencies. As far as UIDSSMT projects are concerned, 52 projects are pending because already we have sanctioned and released much more amount than what was due for the State of Andhra Pradesh. So, the projects, which are pending under the UIDSSMT, are pending because Andhra Pradesh has already got the money which is more than its share.

As far as migration of population to urban areas is concerned, I would like to tell the hon. Member that now around 30 per cent of our population lives in the urban areas. It is envisaged that by the year 2025, another 10 to 15 per cent of our population will be in urban areas. So, all our attention, through JNNURM, is to satisfy the migrated propulation as wll as those who are already living in the urban areas.

श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकी: धन्यवाद, सर। सर, हमारे जो पुराने शहर हैं, जहां पर पुरानी आबादियां रहती हैं, जैसे आंध्र प्रदेश अथवा हैदराबाद के शहर हैं, जिनको वॉल सिटीज कहते हैं, जैसे दिल्ली की वॉल सिटी है, हैदराबाद की है, अहमदाबाद की है, ये सब घैटोज में बदलते जा रहे हैं और उनके डेवलपमैंट पर कोई ध्यान नहीं दिया जा रहा है। ये जो इलाके हैं, जहां पर माइनॉरिटी की आबादी बहुत ज्यादा रहती है और जब कहीं घैटो बनता है तो वहां की मैंटेलिटी भी घैटो मैंटेलिटी बनती है। इनमें शेयर की वजह से ये लोग पिछले तीस-चालीस साल में भी वहां से निकल नहीं पाए, लेकिन अब जब ये लोग निकलना चाह रहे हैं तो बाहर इतना महंगा हो गया है कि ये लोग वहां से निकल नहीं पर रहे हैं।

मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि ये जो हमारी वॉल सिटिज़ हैं, इनके रीज्यूविनेशन के लिए, इन्हें दोबारा से जिन्दा करने के लिए और दूसरा, डीकंजस्ट करने के लिए, खासतौर पर जहां माइनॉरिटी की आबादियां रहती हैं, उन्हें हाउसिंग प्रोवाइड करने के लिए क्या आपने फोकस किया है? क्या कोई प्लान बनाया है? यदि बनाया है, तो क्या बनाया है?

†**اِشری شاہد صدیقی :** دھنیواد، سر۔

سر، ہمارے جو پرانے شہر ہیں، جہاں پر پرانی آبادیاں رہتی ہیں، جیسے آندھرا پردیش اور حیدرآباد کے شہر ہیں، جن کو وال سٹیز کہتے ہیں، جیسے دہلی

کی وال سٹی ہے، حیدرآباد کی ہے، احمد آباد کی ہے، یہ سب گھیٹوز میں بدلتے جا رہے ہیں اور ان کے ڈیولپمینٹ کے اوپر کوئی دھیان نہیں دیا جا رہا ہے۔ یہ جو علاقے ہیں، یہاں پر مائنارٹی کی آبادی بہت زیادہ رہتی ہے اور جب کہیں گھیٹو بنتا ہے تو وہاں کی مینٹلٹی بھی گھیٹو مینٹلٹی بنتی ہے۔ ان میں شینر کی وجہ سے یہ لوگ پچھلے تیس چالیس سال میں بھی وہاں سے نکل نہیں پائے، لیکن اب جب یہ لوگ نکلنا چاہ رہے ہیں تو باہر اتنا مہنگا ہو گیا ہے کہ یہ لوگ وہاں سے نکل نہیں پا رہے ہیں۔

میں منتری جی سے جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ یہ جو ہماری وال سٹیز ہیں، ان کے ری۔جنریشن کے لئے، انہیں دوبارہ سے زندہ کرنے کے لئے اور دوسرا، ڈی۔کنجسٹ کرنے کے لئے، خاص طور پر جہاں مائنارٹی کی آبادیاں رہتی ہیں، انہیں ہاؤسنگ پرووائڈ کرنے کے لئے کیا آپ نے فوکس کیا ہے؟ کیا کوئی پلان بنایا ہے؟ اگر بنایا ہے، تو کیا بنایا ہے؟

श्री अजय माकन: सभापति महोदय, माननीय सदस्य ने बहुत ही अच्छा सवाल पूछा है। मैं उन्हें बताना चाहूंगा कि 63 मिशन सिटीज़ जो सबसे पहले सिलैक्ट की गई, उसमें से स्पैसिफिकली 28 सिटीज़ ऐसी चुनी गई, जो हिस्टॉरिक इम्पॉर्टेंस की थीं। उन्हें चुनने का मक़सद यह था कि हम उन सिटीज में फोकस्ड अटैंशन दे सकें, खास तौर पर उन इलाकों में जहां पर पुराने लोग रहते हैं, जैसे हैदराबाद, भोपाल या दिल्ली के कुछ इलाके हैं। इन सिटीज़ के अलावा भी 28 सिटीज़ ऐसी चुनी गई हैं, जो हिस्टॉरिकल इम्पॉर्टेंस की हैं, जहां पर लोग पहले से ही रहते थे।

Settlement of claims under PLIS

*108. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:††
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed any maximum time limit within which death claims must be settled under the Postal Life Insurance Scheme (PLIS);

(b) if so, the number of claims settled within this time limit; and

(c) the average time taken for different death claims settled under the Postal Life Insurance Scheme (PLIS) during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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†[Transliteration in Urdu Script.]

††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Gireesh Kumar Sanghi.